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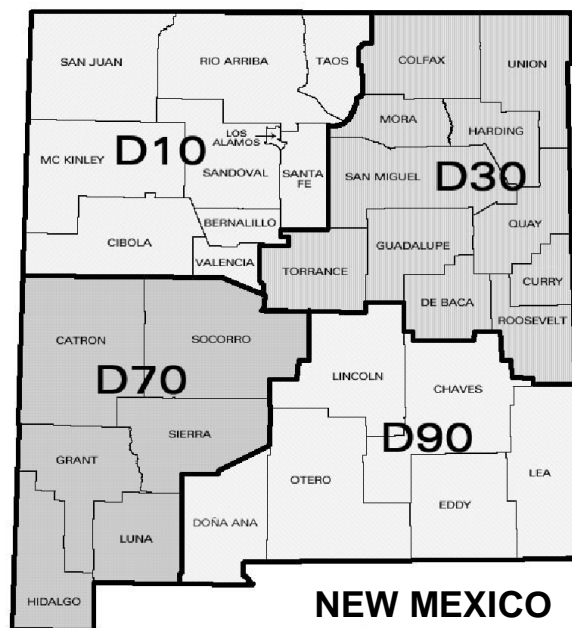
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2009 NEW MEXICO CHILE PRODUCTION

Planted chile acreage in 2009 increased by 4 percent to 12,800 acres from 2008, with 96 percent of the crop harvested at 12,300 acres. These increases helped boost production by 21 percent from 60,140 tons in 2008 to 72,700 tons in 2009. All varieties had a larger overall percentage of harvested acreage from the 2008 crop year.

At the state level, yields were up for most varieties with Long Mild Green having the largest increase from 11 tons per acre in 2008 to 13.3 tons per acre in 2009. Paprika yields remained steady at 1.6 tons per acre, while Red Long Mild yields increased from 1.3 tons per acre to 2.1 tons per acre. Long Hot Red yields rose from 1.1 to 1.7 tons per acre.

The value of New Mexico chile was estimated at \$57.4 million, rising 21 percent above the previous year.



2009 Chile: Acreage and Production by District & County

District/ County	Planted Acreage			Harvested Acreage			Production (Tons)		
	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009
District 70	5,600	5,200	5,100	5,200	4,700	4,900	31,700	32,640	33,400
Hidalgo	700	700	900	600	700	800	2,850	4,500	5,300
Luna	4,000	3,700	3,200	3,700	3,300	3,200	25,150	23,220	22,900
Other Counties ^{1/}	1,200	800	1,000	1,200	700	900	4,100	4,920	5,200
District 90	6,100	7,100	7,700	5,500	6,400	7,400	16,900	27,500	39,300
Doña Ana	3,400	3,800	3,900	3,200	3,200	3,700	12,800	20,600	32,000
Other Counties	2,700	3,300	3,800	2,300	3,200	3,700	4,100	6,900	7,300
STATE	12,000	12,300	12,800	11,000	11,100	12,300	49,000	60,140	72,700

^{1/} District 10 & District 30 were included in District 70 Other Counties.

Chile Acreage, Yield, Production & Value by Variety

Variety	Acreage Harvested ^{1/}		Yield Per Acre ^{2/}		Production		Average Price Per Ton		Value of Production	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
Green			-----Tons-----				-----Dollars-----		-----\$1,000-----	
Long Mild	3,600	3,300	11.0	13.3	39,700	44,000	395	455	15,700	20,000
Long Hot ^{3/}	1,000	1,300	9.0	10.3	9,000	13,400	462	538	4,160	7,210
Red										
Paprika	5,000	5,800	1.6	1.6	7,800	9,000	1,910	1,971	14,900	17,740
Long Mild	2,300	2,500	1.3	2.1	3,100	5,300	2,032	2,000	6,300	10,600
Long Hot	500	600	1.1	1.7	540	1,000	2,315	1,820	1,250	1,820
Total	11,100	12,300	5.4	5.9	60,140	72,700	704	789	42,310	57,370

^{1/} 1,200 acres were harvested for both green and red, but only counted once in the total.

^{2/} Yields influenced by lower yielding acreage harvested for both green and red.

^{3/} Beginning in 2008 Jalapeño and Cayenne were combined with Green Long Hot to avoid disclosing individual information.

Chile Yields by District, County & Variety

District/County	----Green----				----Red----					
	Long Mild		Long Hot		Paprika		Long Mild		Long Hot	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	----- Tons -----				----- Tons -----					
District 70	11.5	12.9	9.2	^{1/}	1.8	1.6	1.3	2.5	^{1/}	^{1/}
Luna	10.9	16.7	^{1/}	^{1/}	1.8	1.6	1.6	2.0	^{1/}	^{1/}
Other Counties	^{1/}	^{1/}	^{1/}	^{1/}	^{1/}	^{1/}	1.0	3.2	^{1/}	^{1/}
District 90	10.2	13.8	8.7	10.4	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.8	1.0	1.5
Doña Ana	10.2	13.8	9.3	10.5	1.4	1.6	1.4	1.8	1.0	1.5
Other Counties	^{1/}	^{1/}	^{1/}	^{1/}	1.5	1.5	---	^{1/}	---	^{1/}
State	11.0	13.3	9.0	10.3	1.6	1.6	1.3	2.1	1.1	1.7

^{1/} Not published to avoid disclosing individual information.